

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image recording method, comprising:
 - a information loading step of loading identification information on a subject and subject information used by a photographer to confirm the subject, in a digital camera before photographing the subject;
 - a display step of displaying, on the basis of the subject information, subject information on a display device of the digital camera;
 - a photographing step of photographing the subject using the digital camera after confirming the subject on the basis of the display on the display device; and
 - a recording step of recording the photographed image of the subject in connection with the identification information loaded in the information loading step.
2. The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein the image recorded in connection with the identification information is saved to a database.
3. The image recording method according to claim 2, wherein the subject information contains at least one of the subject's photograph and name.
4. The image recording method according to claim 2, wherein the recording step records the identification information loaded in the information loading step, in a header part of an image file in which the photographed subject image is recorded.
5. The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein the information loading step comprises:
 - a step of reading the subject identification information from a recording medium having the identification information recorded thereon;
 - a step of reading the subject information corresponding to the read identification information, from a database having the subject information already stored in connection with the subject identification information; and
 - a transmitting step of transmitting the subject information read from the database, to the digital camera together with the identification information read from the recording

medium.

6. The image recording method according to claim 5, wherein while the subject identification information and the subject information are being transmitted to the digital camera, the digital camera is inhibited from being used for photographing.
7. The image recording method according to claim 5, wherein the subject information contains at least one of the subject's photograph and name.
8. The image recording method according to claim 5, wherein the recording step records the identification information loaded in the information loading step, in a header part of an image file in which the photographed subject image is recorded.
9. The image recording method according to claim 5, wherein:
 - the step of reading the identification information reads plural pieces of identification information so that these pieces can be accumulated; and
 - the transmitting step transmits the identification information and the subject information in response to an information obtainment request from the digital camera.
10. The image recording method according to claim 9, wherein while the subject identification information and the subject information are being transmitted to the digital camera, the digital camera is inhibited from being used for photographing.
11. The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein:
 - the information loading step loads recorded image information containing at least one of image format, the number of pixels, compression rate, file size, and image aspect ratio; and
 - the digital camera records the photographed image on the basis of the loaded recorded image information.
12. The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein the subject information contains at least one of the subject's photograph and name.

13. The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein the recording step records the identification information loaded in the information loading step, in a header part of an image file in which the photographed subject image is recorded.

14. An image transmitting method, comprising:
 an input step of inputting destination information from an external device to a digital camera, the information being indicative of a destination of an image;
 a photographing step of photographing a subject using the digital camera;
 a recording step of recording the photographed image of the subject in connection with the destination information input in the input step; and
 a transmitting step of transmitting the photographed subject image to the destination corresponding to the destination information, on the basis of the destination information recorded in connection with the image.

15. An image recording apparatus, comprising:
 an input device which reads identification information on a subject from a recording medium having the information recorded thereon;
 an information transmitting device which reads subject information corresponding to the read identification information, from a database having the subject information already stored in connection with the subject identification information and transmitting the subject information read from the database, together with the identification information read from the recording medium;
 a receiving device which receives the identification information and the subject information;
 a display device which displays the subject information on the basis of the received subject information;
 a photographing device which photographs the subject; and
 a recording device which records the photographed subject image in connection with the received identification information.

16. The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the recording medium is a card, magnetic card, or IC card having a bar code recorded thereon, and the input device is

a card reader.

17. The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a communication device which transmits the image recorded in connection with the identification information, to the database.

18. The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the recording device records the identification information in a header part of an image file in which the photographed subject image is recorded.

19. An image recording apparatus, comprising:
an input device which reads subject identification information and subject information from a recording medium having the identification information and the subject information recorded thereon;
a display device which displays the subject information on the basis of the read subject information;
a photographing device which photographs the subject; and
a recording device which records the photographed image of the subject in connection with the read identification information.

20. The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium is a card, magnetic card, or IC card having a bar code recorded thereon, and the input device is a card reader.

21. The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a communication device which transmits the image recorded in connection with the identification information, to the database.

22. The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the recording device records the identification information in a header part of an image file in which the photographed subject image is recorded.

23. An image recording method, wherein:

added-to-image information added to an image of a subject and display information associated with the added-to-image information are input to a digital camera from an external device;

the digital camera displays the display information on a display device thereof on the basis of the display information input from the external device; and

after photographing the subject, records an image of the subject and also records the added-to-image information input from the external device in connection with the image.

24. The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the display information is used by a photographer to check at least either the contents or correctness of the added-to-image information added to the subject image.

25. The image recording method according to claim 24, wherein the display information is either test information or image information which can be displayed on the display device.

26. The image recording method according to claim 24, wherein the added-to-image information is binary information, and the display information is text information corresponding to the binary information.

27. The image recording method according to claim 24, wherein the added-to-image information is recorded in a header part of an image file in which an image of the subject is recorded.

28. The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the display information is either test information or image information which can be displayed on the display device.

29. The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the added-to-image information is binary information, and the display information is text information corresponding to the binary information.

30. The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the added-to-image

information is recorded in a header part of an image file in which an image of the subject is recorded.

31. The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the added-to-image information contains at least either numerical locational information on the subject or identification information already imparted to the subject.

32. The image recording method according to claim 31, wherein the display information is used by a photographer to check at least either the contents or correctness of the added-to-image information added to the subject image.

33. The image recording method according to claim 32, wherein the display information is either test information or image information which can be displayed on the display device.

34. The image recording method according to claim 32, wherein the added-to-image information is binary information, and the display information is text information corresponding to the binary information.

35. The image recording method according to claim 32, wherein the added-to-image information is recorded in a header part of an image file in which an image of the subject is recorded.

36. An image recording system, comprising:
 an external device which outputs added-to-image information added to an image of a subject and display information associated with the added-to-image information; and
 a digital camera comprising:
 a display device which displays the display information on the basis of the display information input from the external device; and
 a recording device which records an image of the subject after the subject has been photographed and records the added-to-image information input from the external device, in connection with the image.